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It looks as though the Colby primary election bill was dead. Let it rest in peace. It was, to our mind, an iniquitous measure, designed to make the cities the dominating factors in all state politics, thus making probable in state affairs the corruption for which city politics are notorious. The senate Wednesday agreed to the Baird bill as a substitute, that being the bill prepared by the senate committee on elections. This bill ought to form a basis for a primary election law that would give a real demonstration of the efficacy of the primary election idea as a curative of our present political ills. It would be in line with the republican pledges for the enactment of a primary law (which cannot be construed into pledges for the passage of the Colby bill), and if it works as anticipated by the supporters of the primary system, might accomplish some real reform, without giving to the cities the absolute control of party organizations and party nominations they sought under the Colby bill. The Baird substitute provides that delegates shall be elected to county conventions, these in turn to elect delegates to state conventions, as is done now, but these delegates to the county conventions are to be elected on the same day all over the state, the date being fixed by the bill. The only nominations to be made by direct vote are those for township, city and village officers. Nomination of county candidates would be made by conventions, except in counties which have special acts, like Wayne, Kent and Muskegon. When voters register, they must give the name of the party with which they are affiliated, and they are to be permitted to vote only in the caucuses of their own party. An effort will be made to so amend this bill as to provide for the direct nomination of members of the legislature, congressmen and governor, but The True Northerner does not believe such amendment should prevail, as it would be open to the same objections as the Colby measure, though in a less degree. Let us have a law along the lines of the Baird substitute, thus giving the primary system a fair test. If deemed advisable, the scope can be enlarged at some future time, but in so radical a departure from the established order of things it is wise to make haste slowly.

THE Detroit Free Press finds fault because some of the members of the legislature are said to have listened to their home supervisors in opposition to the bill exempting credits from taxation, and thinks it not the province of the supervisors to make laws for the state. We were not aware that an election as supervisor took away an American citizen's privilege of freely expressing his opinion on public measures, and we supposed a supervisor had the same right of free speech as anyone else—as the Free Press for instance.

THE Detroit papers have fallen into the habit of calling all members of the legislature who do not agree with them "machine men." This is amusing. There is no greater political machine in state politics than the Detroit press, who are unanimous, of course, in favor of measures advantageous to the metropolis, regardless of the interests of the rural communities of the state.

THE Detroit Journal makes sport of Senator Woodman because he has prepared a ballot showing what the voters would have to use under the Colby primary election bill. What's the matter with the Journal? Is it afraid to have the senators and the public realize what sort of a blanket primary election ballot would be?

A Farmer Straightened Out.
"A man living on a farm near here came in a short time ago completely doubled up with rheumatism. I handed him a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and told him to use it freely and if not satisfied after using it he need not pay a cent for it," says C. P. Rayder, of Potters Mills, N. Y. "A few days later he walked into the store as straight as a string and handed me a dollar saying, 'give me another bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm.' I want it in the house all the time." For sale by Longwell Bros. m

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From Its Lair in a Mine, the Creature Attacks Workman—Was Unlike Anything the Minister Had Ever Seen or Heard Of.

Dr. Watkins, the veteran missionary who has just returned from a four months' evangelical trip through the outlying states, tells a strange story of a wonderful snake which he killed in an old, abandoned shaft of a mine down in the State of Guerrero.

"My attention was attracted one day," says Dr. Watkins, "by the horrified cries of an Indian miner who came running toward me, his face ghastly with fright and the perspiration dripping like rain drops from his brow. The man rushed up and cast himself at my feet, where he lay trembling and gasping. As soon as he was able to get his breath he told me that he had been seized by a horrible monster which had suddenly sprung upon him from one of the hidden recesses of the mine, and that he had narrowly escaped being drawn down into its embrace.

"My curiosity was aroused and I proceeded to the mouth of the shaft with the man as soon as I could induce him to return. We looked down, but in the dense obscurity could see nothing. Drawing my revolver I bade the man go down into the shaft a way assuring him that no harm would befall him, as I would follow close with my cocked revolver ready for use.

"The miner did as I commanded and had gone down for a number of feet when suddenly from the dense blackness I saw a huge and indescribably hideous head with wide-open mouth shoot up. The jaws of the creature were wide open, showing its sharp-fanged teeth in its mouth looking large enough easily to take a man down at one gulp.

"The miner screamed with terror and I feared he would lose his hold and fall, but he clung desperately to the ladder while I thrust the barrel of the revolver full into the creature's mouth and fired. With a tremendous hiss it dropped its head and then we saw it was a huge serpent like unto nothing I had ever heard of before.

"As its struggling body came into my view I fired again, and the snake, slipping from the ledge on which it had stretched itself, fell with a squishy thud to the bottom of the shaft, where we could hear it thrashing about in struggles which momentarily grew weaker and finally ceased altogether. Then we went below, fastened a rope about the body of the reptile and hoisted it to the surface.

"There was then unfolded before our eyes the most hideous creature man could ever dream of. Its head was like the huge stone head of a frightfully carved Chinese dragon. Its body about the middle was as large as a man's thigh, and its length was so great that I dare not say how many feet it measured. I very much regretted being unable to preserve the skin and bring it back for the study of scientists, but I was compelled to leave it behind."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Foley's Honey and Tar is peculiarly adapted for asthma, bronchitis and hoarseness. For sale by all druggists of Paw Paw.

Shadow of the Poorhouse.
J. Pierpont Morgan says he has no personal property to pay taxes on, as his debts exceed his assets. This is sad. We had always supposed that Mr. Morgan was comfortably fixed by this time.

Advice of Old Statesman.
George S. Boutwell, the oldest ex-governor of Massachusetts, has been celebrating his eighty-fifth birthday at his home in Groton. Mr. Boutwell was only 32 years old when elected governor of the old bay state, and was the youngest man ever called to the office. In an interview on his birthday he gave this advice to young men: "Find out what you have a right to do and do it."

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